PRESENT: Mayor Barbara Blain-Bellamy, Mayor Pro Tem Larry A. White, and Council Members Thomas J. Anderson II, William M. Goldfinch IV, Shane Hubbard, Ashley Smith, and Jean M. Timbes

STAFF: Adam Emrick, City Administrator; Vicky Lefler, Deputy City Administrator; Tammy Carter, Police Captain; Kevin Chestnut, Public Works Director; Robert Cooper, Building Official; James Friday, Public Utilities Director; Le Hendrick, Fire Chief; Mary Catherine Hyman, Planning Director; Addison Jarrell, Parks, Recreation, and Tourism Director; Reggie Jenrette, Solid Waste Director; Taylor Newell, Public Information Officer; Lynn Smith, Human Resources Director; Allison Williams, Finance Director; Timmy Williams, Grounds and Maintenance Director; and Debbie F. Smith, City Clerk

OTHERS: Hillary Howard, Frank and Rebecca Barnes, F X Williams, Susanna Christensen, Theresa Falk, Barbara McLoughlin, Walter and Wendy Witkowski, Marie Armello, Tom Rouillard, Patty Taylor, Angela Hodgeman, Corrina Bennett, Kathy Ropp, and others

The requirements for posting notice of this meeting under South Carolina’s Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) were met.

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Blain-Bellamy called the meeting to order.

INVOCATION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Mayor Blain-Bellamy recognized Rev. Drew Jackson of Coastal Community Church who gave the invocation. City Council and those in attendance recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Motion: White made a motion, seconded by Timbes, to approve the agenda as presented. Vote: Unanimous. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA:

A. Ordinance #ZA2018-04-02 (A) An Ordinance to annex approximately 0.58 acres of property located at 1307 King Street (TMS #122-12-03-009 / PIN 33808030021) and to rezone the property to Low Density Residential (R-1) upon annexation

B. Ordinance #ZA2018-04-02 (B) An Ordinance to annex approximately 0.89 acres of property located at 424 Sellers Road (TMS #123-12-01-024 / PIN 33906020002) and to rezone the property to Low Density Residential (R-1) upon annexation

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Motion: Goldfinch made a motion, seconded by Anderson, to approve the consent agenda as presented. Vote: Unanimous. Motion carried.
PUBLIC INPUT:

Susanna Christensen spoke of her experiences in several retail stores since her recent move to Conway and presented her idea for a “Revolutionary Coalition of Americans” event that could be held Downtown on Saturdays and Sundays as a means of encouraging citizens to get to know each other.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS:

A. **Employee of the Month Award for March** was presented to Mason Simpson, Public Utilities Department. The presentation was made by the Public Utilities Director.

B. **Employee Longevity Bonus Award** was presented to John Rabon, Solid Waste Department – 10 years. The presentation was made by the City Administrator, accompanied by Council Member Timbes.

PUBLIC HEARINGS AND ORDINANCES FOR FINAL READING:

A. **Public hearing and final reading of Ordinance #2018-04-02 (C) Amending the Code of Ordinances by adding Article H Buskers to Chapter 4 of Title 7, Licensing and Regulation.** First reading of this ordinance was approved at the March 19th meeting with the understanding that staff would develop proposed performance guidelines for Council’s consideration prior to final reading. Staff proposed the following street performance guidelines to be included in the ordinance: (1) Buskers shall not perform in a manner that could be considered dangerous and/or inappropriate and shall not be dressed or conduct themselves in a manner that is likely to cause alarm, distress or offence to members of the public; and (2) Buskers shall not perform for more than 90 minutes in any one location. **Public Hearing:** There was no input from the public. **Motion:** Goldfinch made a motion, seconded by White, to close the public hearing. **Vote:** Unanimous. Motion carried. **Motion:** Anderson made a motion, seconded by Goldfinch, to approve final reading of Ordinance #2018-04-02 (C) including the guidelines for street performances as presented by staff. **Vote:** Unanimous. Motion carried.

B. **Public hearing and final reading of Ordinance #2018-04-02 (D) Amending Title 3, Chapter 2, Article C, Section 3-2-21, Recreation Fees, by adding Youth Membership rates, revising the age qualifications for student membership at the Conway Recreation Center, and terminating the Conway Youth Play Program.** First reading of this ordinance was approved as presented at the March 19th meeting. **Public Hearing:** There was no input from the public. **Motion:** White made a motion, seconded by Hubbard, to close the public hearing. **Vote:** Unanimous. Motion carried. **Motion:** Smith made a motion, seconded by Anderson, to approve final reading of Ordinance #2018-04-02 (D). **Vote:** Unanimous. Motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARINGS AND ORDINANCES FOR FIRST READING:

A. **Public hearing and first reading of Ordinance #ZA2018-04-16 (a) An Ordinance to rezone approximately 1.3 acres of property located at 3304 4th Avenue (TMS #136-16-03-002 | PIN 36809040035) from Professional (P) to Highway Commercial (HC).** Hyman reported that the applicant has requested that his request be tabled until a later meeting. **Public Hearing:** There was
no input from the public. **Motion:** Goldfinch made a motion, seconded by Anderson, to close the public hearing. **Vote:** Unanimous. Motion carried. **Motion:** Timbes made a motion, seconded by Anderson, to table the rezoning request as requested by the applicant. **Vote:** Unanimous. Motion carried.

**B.** Public hearing and first reading of Ordinance #ZA2018-04-16 (B) An Ordinance to amend Article 5 Specific Use Regulations of the Unified Development Ordinance to allow mobile food trucks on private property as a pilot program. Council discussed the possibility of allowing mobile food trucks on private property during its workshop at the November 20, 2017, meeting. As a result of that discussion, staff developed an amendment to Article 5 Specific Use Regulations of the Unified Development Ordinance for discussion by Council during its workshop at its February 5, 2018, meeting. Council sent the proposed amendment to the Planning Commission with no changes and the Planning Commission recommended approval at its meeting on March 1st. **Public Hearing:** Drew Basilicato, a mobile food truck operator, and Susanna Christensen spoke in favor of the UDO amendment. Hugh Schrowang spoke in opposition of the amendment and remarked that the trucks would not be a positive idea for the City. **Motion:** Goldfinch made a motion, seconded by Hubbard, to close the public hearing. **Vote:** Unanimous. Motion carried. **Motion:** White made a motion, seconded by Goldfinch, to approve first reading of Ordinance #ZA2018-04-16 (B). **Vote:** Council Member Anderson abstained; all others voted in the affirmative. Motion carried.

**C.** Public hearing and first reading of Ordinance #ZA2018-04-16 (C) An Ordinance to revise the existing Wild Wing Planned Development (PD) to allow density assignment between parcels and use changes on three parcels (TMS #151-00-04-135 | PIN 383-00-00-0337, TMS #151-00-04-204 | PIN 383-00-00-0321, TMS #151-00-04-136 | PIN 383-13-02-0070, PIN 384-16-01-0030, PIN 383-13-02-0072, PIN 383-13-02-0073, and PIN 384-16-01-0032). Council discussed the provisions of this proposed ordinance during its workshop at the March 5th Council meeting. Hyman reported that the total density for the Wild Wing PD would not change under the proposed ordinance but density assignments would shift among some of the properties that remain to be developed. In addition, under the proposed ordinance, allowed uses within three parcels would change (B4 and B5 from commercial to multi-family residential and D5 to allow both single family and multi-family uses). Hyman also noted that, after the Planning Commission reviewed the request at its February 1st meeting, a wetland study was conducted that expanded the perimeter of the project boundaries. Because of this change, a second review by the Planning Commission was required and the Planning Commission again recommended approval. **Public Hearing:** Theresa Faulk spoke in opposition of the request and conveyed concerns regarding the proposed location of the required second access to the property. She remarked that a second entrance by way of Yeager Avenue already exists and another access location would cause property values to deteriorate. F.X. Williams spoke in opposition to the rezoning request and remarked on the location of wetlands, the use of the road maintenance fees currently paid by Wild Wing homeowners, and amending the PD after houses have been purchased in the development. Tom Rouillard expressed his concerns that, with the proposed location of the second access, all traffic would be routed onto Wild Wing Boulevard in an emergency and that Yeager Avenue is a public street. John Poston reported that no deed could be found that conveyed Yeager Avenue to a public entity. Emrick noted that all properties abutting Yeager Avenue are in the county. Barb Eisenhardt spoke in opposition to the ordinance, noting the increase in traffic on Wild Wing Boulevard that could result from this action and requested that City Council consider the residents’ property values as well as their quality of life. Hugh Schrowang expressed his concerns regarding storm water drainage issues that would result from the construction of additional houses. Barbara McLoughlin expressed fears for the bald eagles she said were nesting in the live oak tree near her house. An email in opposition to this issue from Corina Bennett was shared with City Council. Mayor Blain-Bellamy
asked for a show of hands of those in attendance who were opposed to the request. **Motion:** Goldfinch made a motion, seconded by Timbes, to close the public hearing. **Vote:** Unanimous. Motion carried. In regard to the issues raised during the public hearing, Council asked staff to provide more information prior to final reading of this ordinance (ownership of Yeager Avenue, public safety access, storm water drainage, etc.). **Motion:** Goldfinch made a motion, seconded by Hubbard, to approve first reading of Ordinance ZA2018-04-16 (C). **Vote:** Mayor Blain-Bellamy and Council Members White and Timbes voted in the negative; all others voted in the affirmative. Motion carried.

**ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION:**

**Expenditure of Council Contingency funds for City lapel pins** (requested by Council Member Anderson) and Conway Critter coloring books (requested by Council Member Timbes). Emrick presented these expenditure requests from Council Members Anderson and Timbes. **Motion:** Goldfinch made a motion, seconded by White, to approve the expenditure of $1,000 for City lapel pins and $2,500 for additional Conway Critter coloring books from City Council Contingency Funds. **Vote:** Unanimous. Motion carried.

**CITY ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT:**

- Noted the recent addition of a “Suggestion Box” on the City’s website.
- Reported on recent improvements to the City’s access channel.
- Informed Council that the parcel of property the City had hoped to obtain through the DEA was sold at foreclosure.
- Noted that the title search is continuing on the Ann Street properties.
- Reported that SCDOT had patched a pothole in the crosswalk the City recently had painted in the Highway 501/378 intersection.
- Announced the white lights in the walkway between Scarborough Alley and 3rd Avenue should be up no later than next week.
- Announced funding for Tier 1 of the City’s FEMA HMG Program should be received this month. The applications for Tiers 2 and 3 are still under review.

**COUNCIL INPUT:**

**Smith** asked for a status report on the employee salary study. Staff is working on an RFQ for this study. He also suggested that Council visit Wild Wing and have expert consultants present at that meeting to address residents’ concerns.

**Goldfinch** expressed reservations about the City’s ability to serve the Wild Wing community.

**Anderson** inquired about issues raised during the public hearing from citizens of the Wild Wing community. Staff was asked to provide a clear determination on the ownership of Yeager Avenue.

**Hubbard** complimented the Public Information Officer on her work.

**White** inquired as to when Frontier Communications will begin airing the City’s access channel.

**Timbes** asked that staff make a better effort to ensure that Council has a clear understanding of any known issues relative to agenda items before such items are presented for consideration.
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- Announced she had received an invitation from Columbia College to nominate young women for recognition; however, the letter was received after the deadline for nominations. She asked anyone interested in making a nomination to contact her.
- Gave a recap of the recent League of Cities meeting.
- Announced that Council Member Smith’s shaved head was the result of a challenge his students met in raising funds for the American Heart Association.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: **Motion:** Goldfinch made a motion, seconded by Anderson, to enter into executive session to discuss receipt of legal advice relating to pending legal claims, negotiations incidental to the potential acquisition of property, and employment of a Police Chief. **Vote:** Unanimous. Motion carried.

RECONVENE FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION: **Motion:** White made a motion, seconded by Goldfinch, to come out of executive session. **Vote:** Unanimous. Motion carried. During the executive session, the Council engaged in discussions of matters relating to pending legal claims, negotiations incidental to the potential acquisition of property, and employment of a Police Chief. While in executive session, no decisions were made and no votes were taken.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: **Motion:** White made a motion, seconded by Smith, to reenter executive session to continue the discussion on employment of a Police Chief. **Vote:** Unanimous. Motion carried.

RECONVENE FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION: **Motion:** Anderson made a motion, seconded by White, to come out of executive session. **Vote:** Unanimous. Motion carried.

ACTION ON MATTERS DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Discussion on employment of a Police Chief. **Motion:** Hubbard made a motion, seconded by Smith, to employ Dale Long as Police Chief for the City of Conway, effective immediately. **Vote:** Unanimous. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT: **Motion:** White made a motion, seconded by Goldfinch, to adjourn the meeting. **Vote:** Unanimous. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Minutes approved by City Council this 10th day of April, 2018.

[Signature]
Debbie F. Smith, City Clerk